

CURRENT COVID-19 COURTROOM PROCEDURES

1. Self-Certification Regarding COVID-19 Symptoms: By entering any of this court's offices, rooms, or facilities in the Dirksen Courthouse, a person certifies that he or she:

- Has not tested positive for COVID-19 within the previous 10 days or been asked or required to self-quarantine due to exposure to COVID-19;
- Has not within the previous 14 days had known close contact with a person who has COVID-19 or with a person who has been asked or required to self-quarantine due to exposure to COVID-19; and
- Has not within the previous 14 days experienced symptoms consistent with COVID-19, including a temperature of more than 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, chills, muscle or body aches, nausea or vomiting, or new loss of taste or smell.

2. Masking and Social Distancing: All persons, regardless of vaccination status, must wear a face covering or mask in this court's public areas, including the lobby, elevator banks, public corridors, the Clerk's Office front desk, and public restrooms, except as specified below.

Courtroom and Lawyers' Lounge: Persons who are fully vaccinated for COVID-19 do not need to wear a face covering or mask or observe social distancing in the courtroom or lawyers' lounge.¹ Persons who are not fully vaccinated must wear a face covering or mask and observe social distancing in the courtroom and lawyers' lounge.

To facilitate the effective administration of the masking and social-distancing requirements, proof of vaccination (or alternatively, proof of a negative COVID-19 test taken no more than 72 hours prior to the date of entry) must be presented before admittance to the courtroom or lawyers' lounge.

3. Proof of Vaccination: Prior to the day of oral argument, attorneys arguing before the court, should email proof of vaccination (or alternatively, proof of a negative COVID-19 test taken no more than 72 hours prior to the date of entry) to USCA7_ArgumentSupportDocs@ca7.uscourts.gov. The email should include the case number, case title, date of oral argument and proof of vaccination (or alternatively, proof of a negative COVID-19 test taken no more than 72 hours prior to the date of entry). Attachments to the email must be in pdf or jpeg format.

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¹ Persons are considered fully vaccinated for COVID-19 two weeks after they have received the second dose in a two-dose series or two weeks after they have received a single-dose vaccine.